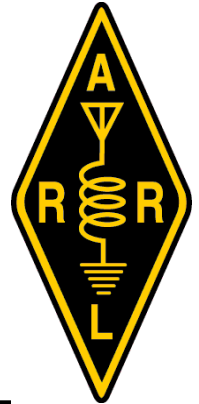




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*The President's
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Just like that we have come to the end of another year. New years always seems like a good time to both reflect on the past year and look forward to the new.

While there is still some follow on work to be completed, i think we can be proud that we have completed our tower project. While our coverage area may not be any larger, I think the quality and the reliability of our repeater signal is much improved. This was a long-term project for the club and I expect we will see good results for years to come.

Looking forward to the year to come, our election of officers is just around the corner. This year we will see all new officers with the exception of Emily our treasurer. If you would like to be reconsidered for one of these roles please let us know as soon as possible.

73, Tom KC2SFU

CVARA Meeting Minutes for December, 2024

Called to order at 1903 on December 5, 2024 by President Tom Monday (KC2SFU) held at the Grange Hall in Norwich.

Minutes:

Motion to accept minutes as printed in the Bugle by John Rudolph (N2YP) 2nd by Mike Barnard (KD2CDU); Motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented by Tom Mathewson (AD2TM) 2nd by John Rudolph (N2YP); Motion passed

Committee Reports:

Standing Committees:

Membership:

Audit:

Community Service: (ARES/RACES) Training session Saturday, 9am at the City/County EOC. John Rudolph (N2YP) will be presenting about served agencies.

Publicity: Always looking for contributions of articles (with print authorizations) or pictures! The annual edition of the Bugle is available for anyone who wants some to hand out, put out in community locations, etc. Also, "half-sheet" flyers have been made so we can start promoting Hamfest 2025.

Property: Matt Jenne (WZ2I) reported that the repeaters are back on the air. Many good reports have been received. Now working on plans for grounding and permanently bringing the feedline into the shack.

Special Committees:

Old Business:

Camera Boxes: The camera box project was asked about. We need to finish assembly, order remaining supplies & finish the project. Good project for this winter.

Election: So far a complete slate has not been reached. Anyone willing or interested in serving in

any position, please contact either AD2TM or W2BDN.

Hamfest: N2YP to submit the listing to the ARRL.

Disposition of old tower: Several have asked about what is happening with the old tower. Matt Jenne (WZ2I) offered a suggestion to use the old tower to build a form of "Ice Bridge" to help support the feedline to the tower and maybe the VHF tower as well. Discussion tabled until next month.

New Business:

Donation Letter: Tom Monday (KC2SFU) reported that he received a letter from a gentleman from Afton. He had parts, pieces & components he wanted to donate to the club.

For the Good of the Membership:

Holiday Party: This Sunday! 4-6pm at Taylor's Country House. All are welcome to attend. We will be ordering individually off the menu.

Doug's Fish Fry: Doug's called us to do a short-notice fundraiser. Initially it was planned for today (12/5), but due to the storm, they postponed it until Saturday (12/7). Please come out & help make this fundraiser a success.

Closing: Motion made at 19:57 by John Rudolph (N2YP), 2nd by Tom Mathewson (AD2TM).

Attendees: KC2SFU, AD2TM, WA2LFI, WZ2I, KD2CDU, N2YP



ARES This Month

As many of you know, over the past year or so, I have taken up hiking and to a lesser degree backpacking. In doing so I have become amazed that while my house is absolutely full of stuff, I can live for a week out of a backpack that weights less then 30 lbs.

What does this have to do with ARES? Well, years ago most of what I did in amateur radio was done in a remote location with no acomodtations for the op-

erators. The planning needed to take part in backpacking is very similar to that needed to take part in ARES, Parks on the air, summits on the air, and fieldday, not to mention others I'm sure.

This months ARES Training will involve a discussion of how the skills and equipment involved in backpacking can be applied to ARES and amateur radio in general. We will meet at the Norwich Cith Police Station at 9:00 am on Saturday January 4th. 73, Tom KC2SFU

Morse code practice

Hello All in the CVARA family,

If anyone is interested in morse code practice, on the air or on the Internet, please email me at KB2YSI@GMAIL.COM and we can figure out what works for us!

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Don, KB2YSI

ARRL Awards Recognize Excellence in Ham Radio

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It probably isn't hard to think of someone you know in the hobby who goes above and beyond in service to amateur radio, their club, their fellow hams, or their community. Volunteers are the very core of the Amateur Radio Service, and that dedication is what carries the ARRL Field Organization. Excellence in on-air operating inspires the rest of us to be better, build better, and do better.

ARRL seeks your help in honoring the outstanding work done by hams, through the

ARRL Service Awards. There are a host of different awards which are divided into four categories: Education Awards, Media/Public Relations Awards, Technical Awards, and Distinguished Service Awards.

Education Awards

Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award

Named for the Founding President of ARRL, this award goes to a licensed radio amateur under age 21 who has made exemplary contributions to amateur radio and the local community. Nominees must be current ARRL members. Nomination deadline: March 31, 2025.

ARRL Herb S. Brier Award for Instructors and Teachers

Honoring Herb S. Brier, W9AD (SK), ARRL sponsors this award in conjunction with the Lake County (Indiana) Amateur Radio Club to recognize the very best in amateur

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radio instruction and recruitment. The award goes to a licensed radio amateur and ARRL member who is an ARRL-registered volunteer instructor or ARRL-registered professional classroom teacher. Nomination deadline: March 15, 2025.

Technical Awards

ARRL Microwave Development Award

This award recognizes a radio amateur or group of radio amateurs who contribute to the development of the amateur radio microwave bands. Nomination deadline: March 31, 2025.

ARRL Technical Service Award

This award recognizes a radio amateur or group of radio amateurs who provide amateur radio technical assistance or training to others. Nomination deadline: March 31, 2025.

ARRL Technical Innovation Award

This award recognizes a radio amateur or group of radio amateurs who develop and apply new technical ideas or techniques in amateur radio. Nomination deadline: March 31, 2025.

Public Relations Awards

ARRL Philip J. McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award Honoring Phil McGan, WA2MBQ (SK), this award recognizes a radio amateur and ARRL member who has demonstrated leadership in successfully promoting amateur radio to the public. Nomination deadline: March 31, 2025.

ARRL Bill Leonard Award Honoring Bill Leonard, W2SKE (SK), three annual awards are given to professional journalists or journalistic teams whose outstanding coverage highlights the enjoyment, importance, and public service contribution of the Amateur Radio Service. The award is given in three media categories: audio, visual, and print. Nomination deadline: March 31, 2025.

Distinguished Service Awards

Knight Distinguished Service Award Honoring Joe T. Knight, W5PDY (SK), the award recognizes exceptional contributions by a Section Manager to the health and vitality of ARRL. Nomination deadline: March 31, 2025 (for consideration during the July ARRL Board meeting).

George Hart Distinguished Service Award Honoring George Hart, W1NJM (SK), the award recognizes an ARRL member's lifetime of activities within the ARRL Field Organization, including the National Traffic System and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service®. Nomination deadline: November 1, 2025.

The above taken from the ARRL Letter for
December 19, 2024



And So It Should Be Written
By Ray Darling, K2DAR, CVARA Historian
Chapter 28

**** Happy New Year ****

Two Thousand Twenty Four has come and gone, but there are so many memories left to share with our membership. My involvement with CVARA has spanned over 57 years and hope that I can continue offering these articles, reminding those interested members of the good as well as bad times that ensued during that span of time.

One of several great events that took place was the first "Ham of the Year" presentation in 1987.

Report: With much fanfare, applause, hoopla etc., our own W2RME, Duncan M. Copley was raised to stardom by acclamation at the annual CVARA dinner held at the Oxford Inn on April 4, 1987. Mr. "CW" as we affectionately call him became recipient of the "HOY" award. Guest speaker of the evening was Western NY Section Manager, Bill Thompson, W2MTA who was made welcome at our "fine business" gathering. This was a complete surprise to Dunc and as usual he took it right in stride keeping up with the "Roasters" from the speakers table. The dinner was noted by an attendance of over 50 people. Dunc has been through all of the club office chairs including President, but recent years has seen his return to club Treasurer for an unprecedented (?) of years. April 4th was no exception as Dunc was re-elected to Treasurer for the 1987 season.

Some of Dunc's words following the event: "I've been a ham for a little over fifty years now and in all that time I never found a ham I didn't like. It doesn't matter their political or religious views or their nationality, you're always one of the gang. When I first started in radio, there were just two hams in Chenango County, Jerry Rudd, W2TOK (then W8GDU), and myself. (I was W8RME then), so we have come a long ways since then and I hope we go a lot farther. And in all that time, hams everywhere have been the same - when they find that you are one of them, they will go all out for you."

"We do a lot of complaining and griping among ourselves, we use all the different modes, frequencies, power limits, etc., but the recent WARC convention shows that when we are threatened, all those differences are overlooked and we are just plain hams pulling together for the best of ham radio!"

" I certainly didn't expect to be named HOY, but since I was, it means very much to me, and to be named the First of such annual choices means even more. I guess to get older has some advantages

after all. I have no intention of giving up ham radio until the Silent Key calls me, and even then, I'll still be calling CQ until I raise someone!"

"Please be sure and express my thanks to the whole gang for their planning, work, gifts, and everything else to make this party so successful and enjoyable. It certainly is appreciated by me, and I'm sure it will be by all those selected in the future". Vy 73 to all - Dunc, W2RME



Shown above from Left to Right:

"HOY" Recipient Dunc Copley , W2RME, with lovely wife Pat

Back Row:

CVARA Official, Tom McConnell, K12Y, Ass't Coordinator for This Event

Special Guest Speaker: Bill Thompson, W2MTA, ARRL, WNY Section Manager

CVARA President & Event Coordinator, Tom Atwell, WB2ACV



Always a "Bug" On The Air for Mr. CW

Several other Awards shared with CVARA during the 1980's will be shown in the next issue!

Thats all for now folks! 73 de K2DAR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2024 - 2025

Jan 3, 2025, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, .Hale St, Norwich

January 11, SARC Winterfest, Marathon , NY

Jan 17, Tech Night

Jan 24, Exam Session

Feb. 6, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, .Hale St, Norwich Election of officers

Feb. 20, Tech Night

Feb, 27, Exam Session

March 6, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, .Hale St, Norwich

March 20, Tech Night

March 237, Exam Session

April 3 5, CVARA Meeting 7:00 PM Grange Hall, .Hale St, Norwich

April 17, Tech Night

April 24, Exam Session

Dont forget that every Wednesday night at 7:30 local on the W2RME/R 146.085/146.685 PL 110.9. The CARES net meets.

If you know of, or hear about any activities that should be listed here, Please pass them on to the editor.

January 2025

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Tech Night	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Exam ses- sion	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Permanent committees

- ARES/RACES: **KC2SFU**
- AWARDS: **AD2TM**
- BUGLE: **AD2TM** Chairman
- COMMUNITY SERVICE;
- NEW Ham development **K2FRY**
- FIELD DAY: **K2FRY** Chairman
- MEMBERSHIP: **K2FRY** Chairman

- PACKET:/ Digital: **KC2SFU** Chairman, **N2SPI**
 - PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS:**AD2TM**, **N2YP**, : **WZ2I**, **K2DAR**
 - TECHNICAL: **WA2IZB**
 - VE TEAM: **K2DAR**: **WZ2I**
 - HAM OF THE YEAR: **WZ2I**
 - Club Station/ Shack: **K2DAR**, **N2YP**, **KC2SFU**
 - Repeater Trustee: **WZ2I**
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CVARA CLUB OFFICERS

President: Tom Monday KC2SFU
Vice Pres: Tom Mathewson, AD2TM
Treasurer: Emily Goehner WA2LFI
Secretary: Matt Jenne, WZ2I
Directors: Lois Strong, NK2A; Tom Monday, KC2SFU; Jon Englart W2BDN

Tom, AD2TM, editor of the Bugle is ALWAYS looking for submissions
Your views, comments, and articles will gladly be considered for publication.
Send your articles to.....

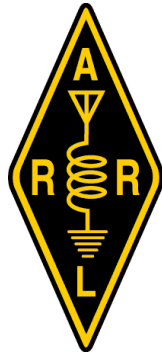
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We encourage promoting our organization and welcoming
new members to join our group. We hope we can continue to
grow and maintain a successful club. Your continued support
can make this happen.

Visit the club WEB site at: <http://www.cvara.net>

Deadline for the February 2025 Bugle is January 20, 2025



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